

Amendments to the Abstract

On page 35, please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A human Small ~~CNN-like CCN-like~~ Growth Factor polypeptide (SCGF) and DNA (RNA) encoding such polypeptide and a procedure for producing such polypeptide by recombinant techniques is disclosed. Also disclosed are methods for utilizing such polypeptide, ~~for wound healing or tissue regeneration, stimulating implant fixation and angiogenesis. A antagonists against such polypeptides, and their use as a therapeutic to treat atherosclerosis, tumors and scarring are also disclosed. D diagnostic assays for identifying mutations in SCGF nucleic acid sequences and altered levels of using~~ the SCGF polypeptide are also disclosed.